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PART II—Section 2

Bills and Reports of Select Committees on Bills

COUNCIL OF STATES

The following Bill was introduced in the Council of States on the 4th March, 1953.—

BILL No. II OF 1953

A Bill further to amend the Travancore-Cochin High Court Act, 1125

Be it enacted by Parliament as follows.—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Travancore-Cochin High Court (Amendment) Act, 1953.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Amendment of section 6, Travancore-Cochin Act No. V of 1125.—to section 6 of the Travancore-Cochin High Court Act, 1125, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that such Judges of the High Court, not exceeding three in number, as may from time to time be nominated by the Chief Justice, shall sit at Trivandrum and exercise, in respect of cases arising in the district of Trivandrum, the jurisdiction and powers conferred by this Act on a single Judge or a Division Bench of two Judges, as the Chief Justice may determine.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

After the integration of Travancore and Cochin the seat of the High Court of the newly formed State was located at Ernakulam which was the capital of the former Cochin State. This was found to cause hardship to the litigants from the southern parts of the State. There was a demand from the public of the southern districts that the seat of the High Court be moved to Trivandrum. Such a move, however, would have caused precisely the same hardship to litigants in the

northern districts. The Government of Travancore-Cochin gave very careful thought to the matter and came to the conclusion that the constitution of a Bench of the High Court at Trivandrum would be the best way of serving the public needs. Since the proposal relates to the constitution and organisation of a High Court—a Union subject, the Travancore-Cochin Government requested the Government of India to promote the necessary legislation in Parliament. The Government of India have accepted this suggestion and the present Bill is intended to implement that decision.

NEW DELHI;

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The 16th February, 1958.

S. N. MUKERJEE,
Secretary.